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Letter dated 12 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon instructions of my Government, I have the honour to inform you of its reaction to the recent massacres perpetrated in the two Kivu provinces (see annex).

My Government requests that you have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Atoki **Ileka**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 12 July 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

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The Government has learned with dismay of the murderous attack on the village of Ntulumamba, 70 km northwest of Bukavu in South Kivu, and on the villages of Nyamirima, Nyakakoma and Ishasha, 150 km north of Goma in North Kivu. The Government condemns these barbaric acts carried out by the negative forces (FDLR, Interahamwe, Rasta and other armed gangs), which have resulted in more than 30 deaths, over 50 wounded and 39 huts burned down.

It should be recalled that in Rome on 31 March 2005, the FDLR made a commitment to abandon the military path and return to Rwanda. However, no concrete evidence of that repatriation has been observed on the ground since that time. Faced with such prevarication, the Government, which had offered them the opportunity to return peacefully to their own country, had no choice but to start forcibly disarming them, with the logistical support of MONUC. The position of the Government of the Republic with regard to these negative forces has always been clear. Whatever potential threat these armed gangs pose to their countries of origin, they constitute a permanent danger to and daily cause of insecurity for the Congolese populations subjected to extortion, looting, rape, kidnapping and murder. These gangs do not hesitate to sow death and destruction, as they have just done in Ntulumamba, Nyamirima, Nyakakoma and Ishasha.

The Government of the Republic is determined to intensify, with the support of the United Nations, its operations to secure these regions and to forcibly disarm the armed gangs which jeopardize peace and security and which pose a special threat of disrupting the electoral process in that part of the Republic. The Government expects the firm support of the international community to assist the Democratic Republic of the Congo and its Armed Forces in this difficult but noble mission.

(*Signed*) Raymond **Ramazani Baya**